

LAO Finances – Revenue Sources

Legal Aid Ontario receives most of its funding from the provincial government. Included in this contribution from the Province of Ontario is an allocation of funds from a lump transfer by the Federal government to the province in connection with criminal law, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and other expenditures covered under a cost-sharing arrangement.

LAO also receives revenue from the Law Foundation of Ontario. The LFO administers the interest earned on lawyers' trust fund balances and Legal Aid Ontario receives 75% of this income.

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Revenue	2008 (\$000's)	2007 (\$000's)	2006 (\$000's)	2005 (\$000's)	2004 (\$000's)
Province on Ontario*	283,888	269,106	260,527	254,757	256,048
The Law Foundation of Ontario **	56,419	51,532	30,715	18,627	24,205
Client Contributions	18,950	17,281	15,672	15,210	13,090
Judgments, costs & settlements	282	407	283	1,515	1,701
Investments & other incomes	3,111	1,358	2,124	2,975	4,582
Total	362,650	339,684	293,084	289,285	299,626

*Included in contributions from the Province of Ontario is an allocation of funds from a lump transfer by the Federal government to the province in connection with criminal law, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and other expenditures for unique pressures through a cost-sharing arrangement

*Federal Government Contributions

2008 (\$millions)	2007 (\$millions)	2006 (\$millions)	2005 (\$millions)	2004 (\$millions)
50.4	50.7	50.7	50.6	50.6

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Percentage of total revenues

Revenue	2008 %	2007 %	2006 %	2005 %	2004 %
Province on Ontario*	78.28	79.22	84.23	88.06	85.46
The Law Foundation of Ontario **	15.56	15.17	9.93	6.44	8.08
Client Contributions	5.23	3.43	5.07	3.94	4.37
Judgments, costs & settlements	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.52	0.57
Investments & other incomes	0.86	0.40	0.69	1.03	1.53